

Winterport Area Business Association Meeting
Winterport House of Pizza, Main Street, Winterport, Maine
Wednesday, April 13, 2011

Meeting began at 7:15a.m. and the Mission Statement was read.

Introductions of those members in attendance were conducted:

Bernie Littlefield, BEL Portraits - President
Ann Ronco, Old Winterport Commercial House - Secretary
Tammy Higgins - Treasurer
Mike & Joan Anderson - Winterport Winery/Pairings/Penobscot Bay Brewery
Sandra Leibey - Thistle Brae Sticky Buns
Michelle Byram - White's Farm
Deb White - Stu and Deb's Woodturning
Deb Newman - Maine Bytes - Vice President
Rob Newman - Maine Bytes
Darvin Randlett - TG Higgins Business Services
Ray Ronco - Old Winterport Commercial House
Jeannie Wilson - Winterport House of Pizza

The meeting minutes of Wednesday, November 10, 2010 was voted on and approved unanimously.

Tammy reported that there is \$2,216.10 in the association's account. Bernie asked how many paid members we now have. Tammy stated approximately 26-27. Ray asked where all these other members were. Bernie told the group if they had any ideas on how to get more of our members involved and get them to our meetings to please let him know.

Bernie outlined the different ideas of games the executive board would like to see at this year's Winterport Music Festival (WMF) kids area. We are asking if the different businesses would sponsor a game. Each business could have a sign at that particular event promoting their business and at the same time man their individual games. This will allow the committee to "float" and help out where needed around the area. It was asked if the businesses would be charged for each of their event and the answer is no. However, if a business wanted space in the vendor area, the cost is \$40. Deb White asked if they could teach gardening to the kids. The group thought this was great especially to have something that would appeal to all age groups.

It was also noted that the WMF would probably incur additional insurance cost due to having the kids area. WABA will find out exactly how much that cost is and will assist with that cost.

The Winterport Winery said they would be hosting the beer and wine area at the WMF.

Members asked if the petting zoo will be back which Bernie replied it would be.

Ann spoke of the Farmer's/Green Market that will take place at the town parking lot on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays from June - September. Several members expressed interest in signing up. Ann asked the group if funds could be made available for better signage. She also wanted to get a sign up in West Winterport maybe by Deb's Variety. Deb White thought she might be able to help with the cost of the signs and will get back to us. Anyone interested in participating at the market can call Ann at 223-5854. Spaces are just \$15.00.

Deb Newman spoke about having another event at the Winterport Dragway. Last year was extremely successful with the classic car show, dragway demo's, music and a 50/50 raffle. This year she'd like to see more food vendors, maybe a couple of different bands as well as inviting motorcycle groups. She will be in contact with the owner to see when the best day would be. It was asked if we had charged the food vendor. No, we only had a charge at the gate.

Bernie reminded everyone that if anyone is interested in getting on the executive committee now is the time to let him know since he will need to inform the Nominating Committee in May. Elections are in June. All positions are available including President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Everyone agreed that the morning meeting was more convenient. Therefore, our next meeting of Wednesday, May 11 will again meet at 7am at the Pizza House. Everyone thanked Jeannie for making us delicious breakfast pizzas.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10am.